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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 10/050,898; Filed: January 18, 2002
For: **Molecular Antigen Array**
Inventors: Renner *et al.*
Our Ref: 1700.0190005/BJD/SJE

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment;
2. Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
3. Copies of the ten (10) cited documents; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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